

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7, 12-14, 18, 22-29, 32, 36-45, and 47-56. As discussed in a teleconference with the Examiner on June 30, 2006, the claims have been amended to further clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention to further expedite prosecution of the pending claims. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims of the same or similar scope in a subsequent continuation application. Claims 1-4, 7, 12-14, 18, 22-29, 32, 36-45, and 47-56 remain pending. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that the independent claims are patentable over the cited references. In addition, it is submitted that the dependent claims are also patentable for at least the same reasons. The additional limitations recited in the independent claims or the dependent claims are not further discussed as the above-discussed limitations are clearly sufficient to distinguish the claimed invention from the cited references. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 USC §103(a).

SUMMARY

Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. CISCPO77)

Respectfully submitted,
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